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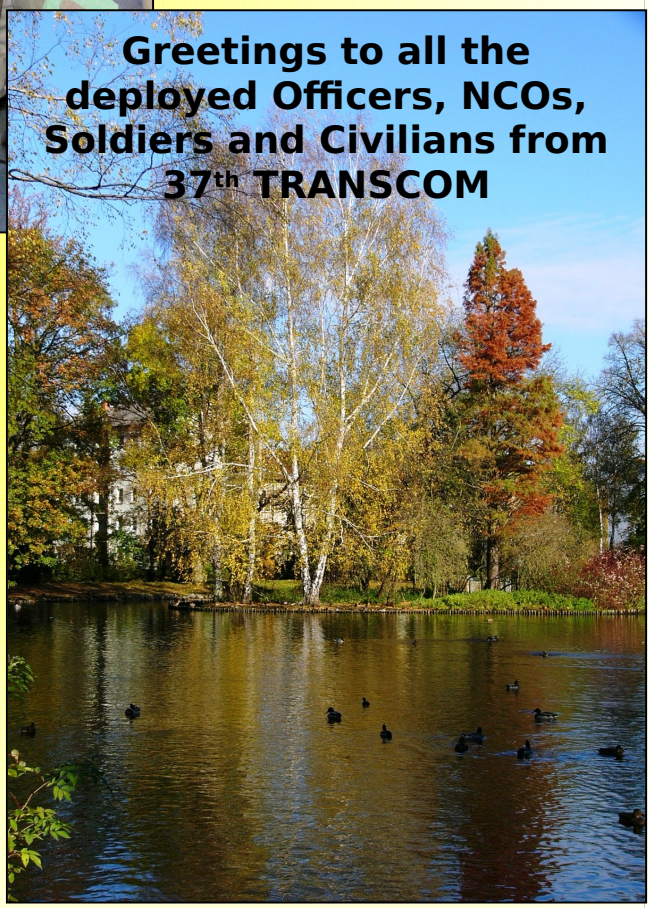

Volkspark, nearby Kleber Kaserne, Kaiserslautern, Germany

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37th TRANSCOM Events

Opening of 37th Transportation Command's "Yellow Ribbon Room"

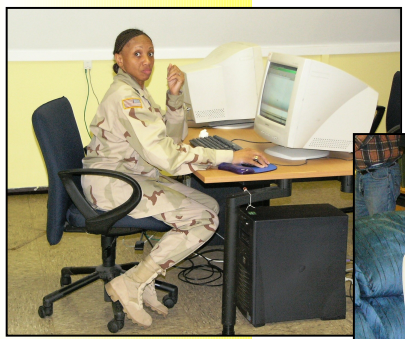
The ribbon cutting ceremony for the 37th Transportation Command's Yellow Ribbon Room was a huge success. The opening was held on Tuesday August 27th at 7:00 p.m. The Yellow Ribbon Room is designed and set up for family members and rear detachment Soldiers to utilize during the deployment. The room has three areas for personal enjoyment. It has the kid's area, relaxation area, and the computer area. A home away from home so to speak.

Sergeant Major Reid and Brigadier General Thorpe joining the celebration.

Left: Lieutenant Colonel Smith enjoying the kids at play

Let the games begin!

Mrs. Gold, Mrs. Raby and Mrs. West cutting the yellow ribbon



Above: SFC Short in the computer center of the Yellow Ribbon Room

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37th TRANSCOM Hail & Farewell Party on 14 October 2005

Welcome!
Willkommen!
Good Bye, Good Luck!
Auf Wiedersehen - Viel Glück!

SGT Meza

Mrs. Adkins and SFC Short

PV2 Thomas, Mrs. Geris and SPC Geris

Mrs. MacNeil and Mrs. Bateman

Mrs. West with her baby

From left – Mrs. Beaman, MAJ Mergens, Mrs. Reid, SGM Reid and CPT Beaman

SSG Margaret Rowe's newborn baby. His name is David Elijah.
Congratulations!

230th MP Company

The Warmasters have seen training in two separate cycles this month. 2nd Platoon conducted a 7 day FTX in Boebligen, GE. During their training they had the opportunity to conduct MOUT, drivers training that included NVG driving and rough terrain driving. The Soldiers gained great experience conducting recon missions and reacting to realistic IED strikes during the route recon portion. 3rd Platoon Punishers conducted joint training with the 554 MP Co. Their training consisted of EPW operation, Civil disturbance, and MOUT operations. Over all the training was an outstanding tool to help the two units to begin to work as one.

Soldiers from the Warmasters were called upon to support the 21st's Retreat ceremony. The NCOs that acted as the Colorguard were personally recognized by the 21st Commander and Command Sergeants Major for their outstanding performance and dedication.

During the Month of September the 230th MP Company Celebrated Labor Day with a Spaghetti luncheon that raised money for the FRG. The Ladies and Gentlemen working with the FRG have huge plans for the Soldiers that are deploying as well as those left behind. In the near future the FRG will be sponsoring deployment briefings for spouses and other family members. Their briefings are expected to smooth the transition process for families and Soldiers. The FRG is also planning various parties to build our team and make it stronger.

The 230th unfortunately farewelled sc[illegible]t veterans this month. As our numbers start to fall off we continue [illegible]rength that we have built into our team.

The Warmasters lead the way with mission accomplishment through Training, Leadership and Teamwork.

Mission First, Honor Always

Commander
CPT CULP

560th MP Co

First Sergeant
1SG Smith

With September passing, the 560th MP Company reorganized due to the Rhein-Main Airbase closure. Soldiers from the 560th MP CO have been manning a field office within the Frankfurt terminal for the R&R aircraft that landed in Germany. The dedicated service of these Soldiers during the past two years is appreciated. Also, as the company begins to prepare to stand down, operations have shifted from four platoons to three with 1st Platoon being deactivated.

The Operational Tempo of the 560th MP Company continues at a very brisk pace, however, we have continued to lose some of our fine Soldiers and it is time to honor those who have honorably served in the 560th Military Police Company.

We as a company would like to say our farewells to the following Soldiers:

1LT Patrick Hane departed 2nd Platoon in order to join the 127th MP Company where he will be a Platoon Leader. Also SGT Tillman PCS'ed from 2nd Platoon in route to Airborne School and Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
SSG Gayne departed Headquarters Platoon for Drill Sergeant School in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.
We would like to wish all those leaving the 560th family Good Luck and Best Wishes.

In September, Ansbach and Bamberg field offices passed the inspection by the Customs Enforcement Agency. The 560th MP Company goal is to have all field offices rated the highest rating of Commendable during their inspections. Congratulations to each field office, which has met this goal and for setting the standard within the 560th MP Company.

Congratulations to SPC McDougall who was part of the War Fighter Team for the 95th Military Police Battalion. This team placed first in the Regimental War Fighter Competition in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.
Also congratulations to SGT Lobjois from 4th Platoon on her completion of PLDC.
The 560th Military Police Company has been concentrating on warrior tasks during their Sergeant's Time Training. As part of the tasks trained and performed, there have been multiple ranges, as well as NBC related training. Soldiers continue to be motivated throughout the training events.

560th MP CO

Some of the upcoming training events for Sergeants Time Training include: MK19, M249, and M203 ranges to be completed in December; Land Navigation; and 9-Line Medevac Training. The Medevac training will include members of the 45th Medavac Unit out of Ansbach, Germany. This training will allow Soldiers to hone in on important skills, such as marksmanship and treating casualties.

Missions
Company

Field offices continued to be busy out-processing Soldiers, which are part of the troop realignment underway. Due to the realignment of forces, there are many Soldiers who are currently in the process of leaving Germany for their new stateside base. This has left the 560th Military Police Company extremely busy. In addition to operating the field offices, the 560th MP Company has been busy meeting the missions that are assigned.

SPC McDougall firing a German machine gun during a Schuetzenschnur range this summer.

During a recent FTX, 3rd Platoon Wolverines staged their vehicles within the training MOUT site.

127th Military Police Company

The month of September saw several promotions, awards presentations and two high level competitions for Soldiers of Speed and Power. It was a month of difficult and disciplined training for the Company Warfighter Team. SGT Kamphius served as a squad leader and prepared for the upcoming 2005 US Army NCO of the Year Competition. It was also a month that saw the Wolfpack (3rd) and Lightning (4th) Platoons providing security at the 2005 USAREUR Land Combat Expo.

The month saw the departure of the Warfighter team, SGT Parker, SPC Olvera and SPC Starkel, for Fort Leonard Wood, MO. The Warfighters went into the competition with high expectations of being the first team on the podium when it was all said and done. The competition was a hard fought for this proud and deserving team, but unfortunately they were beaten out by injuries. The Team Leader, SGT Parker, broke a bone in his right foot and tore all the skin off the bottom of his left foot. This did not stop him or his team, they as true Warfighters, fought their way to the finish line. SGT Parker, SPC Olvera and SPC Starkel performed through adversity with pride and dedication to the mission and finished Seventh overall.

SGT Kamphius also departed in late September for Fort Lee, VA and the annual Army NCO of the Year competition. After completing the formal SMA Board SGT Kamphius was asked to return into the SMA Board a second time; there he was recorded for a video spot on the Pentagon Channel which was based on his outstanding performance during the Board. During the competition he performed exceptionally well and is assured a spot as on of the Army's Elite for 2005. The announcement of the winner will be announced at the Sergeant Major of the Army's Luncheon in Washington, D.C. on 03 October 2005.

Soldiers from the Darmstadt Wolfpack and Baumholder based Lightning Platoons were selected to serve as the security elements for the 2005 USAREUR Land Combat Expo in Heidelberg's Patrick Henry Village. The 20 Soldiers selected spent 12 days guarding the various exhibits for the Expo utilizing both static checkpoints and roving patrols. At the completion of the ceremony all Soldiers involved received Coins from Excellence from the USAREUR Commanding General and Command Serge

SGT Webb of 3rd Platoon was selected by the Department of the Army for Drill Sergeant Duty. Due to this mission change for SGT Webb and his family he decided to re-enlist and Stay Army.

SGT Webb's Reenlistment

The month concluded with several promotions: a Specialist to Sergeant, two Private First Classes to Specialist and a Private to Private Second Class (PV2). Many Soldiers received awards form LTC Braun of the Aschaffenburg District of the German Reserves. Awards ranged from 30 running badges of 30 minutes and 60 minutes, five Schuetzenschnur (3 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze) and 14 Netherlands Pistol Shooting Badges.

Thank you to all of the amazing Soldiers in this company that do what is right day in and day out. Congratulations to all of you that received recognition for your work, and good luck to all those newly promoted Soldiers, you deserve it.

"Speed and Power!"

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9th Military Police Detachment

Promotions: Congratulations are in order for PV2 Bryant and PV2 Bell for their promotion to PFC. A Welcome and congratulations to PVT Turner on her promotion to PV2.

NCOES Grads: SPC Mendoza not only graduated PLDC, but the day before graduation personally welcomed his daughter into the 9th MP Det. family.

Awards:
SSG McNeal and SGT Morrissey both received PCS ARCOMs for their outstanding service while assigned to the 9th MP Det. SPC Rivera received an AAM for the work he did for the ACA re-accreditation.
PV2 Blas received a good conduct medal.
Reenlistments: SGTs Hoad and Vanderpoel have decided to give the Army another 4 years. Congratulations!

CPT Gasque, Commander, 9th MP Det
1SG Borrero, First Sergeant, 9th MP Det

630th Military Police Company

The 630th Military Police Company has been engaged in individual training as well as team training working towards attaining a "T" in all METL tasks which will prepare us for our upcoming OEF deployment. The 630th held a retirement ceremony for one of our outstanding NCOs, SFC Gregory Crenshaw. SFC Crenshaw served as the 630th' s Operations Sgt. and detrimental to the success of the company downrange as well as in garrison.

The company also sent Soldiers to the Warfighter Challenge at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. The Mavericks placed 1st in the Orienteering competition and placed 10th overall. In addition the Mavericks have several NCOs with standout performances at various schools. SFC Tookmanian received the ANCOC Leadership award and Commandant's List . SSG Lafayette is a BNCOC graduate. SGT Silva and SGT Martinez are PLDC graduates
with SGT Martinez making the Commandant's list. The Mavericks re-enlisted an NCO, SGT Porreca; while promoting CPT Hanson, CPT Erickson, MSG Samarin, and SFC Ortiz.

Team Maverick will continue to excel to meet and exceed expectation of our Ar... our Nation. Hooah!

"Mavericks"

529th Military Police Company Honors 3 Outstanding Soldiers.

1SG Kevin W Emory was awarded with the highest honors bestowed from the Military Police Corps Regiment on 1 October 2005, when LTC Evans presented him with the Order of the Marechausse, in Bronze. The award is held in highest honors and is presented to recognize exceptional dedication, competence and contribution to the Regiment over an extended period of time.

SPC Luisa Escobedo and SPC Delia Ferry were honored by the American Government for their military service by being sworn in as American citizens. Both Soldiers passed their American Citizenship Exams and were sworn in at the Embassy in Frankfurt fulfilling a life long dream. SPC Escobedo was born in the Philippines and immigrated to the United States with her Aunt and Uncle who served proudly in the United States Air Force for more than 20 years. She is married to Luis Escobedo and has a one year old son MJ. SPC Escobedo hopes to continue school and possibly apply for OCS in the future. SPC Ferry is from Romania where she met and married Matthew Ferry an American student, after travel and completing school both decided to join the United States Army to continue their travels and build a stronger future together. SPC Ferry is completing a Warrant Officer Packet.

While all this is going on 529th MP CO continues to fill missions in Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, Horn of Africa and train Soldiers to gill upcoming missions in support or OEF. HO

From Left – PFC Escobedo and SPC Delia Ferry

From Left – Bn Cdr LTC Thomas Evans and 1SG Kevin Emory

554TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

T September was gear up month for the W The month showed the training split that has occurred between those deploying as part of TF 554TH in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and those that will continue the Law and Order mission here in Stuttgart as part of the 554TH Rear Detachment.

For those Soldiers deploying, September began their dedicated green cycle train up period. This past month was the time for the deploying platoon leadership to train the areas they felt their troops needed the most focus. New Soldiers built confidence with their weapons skills in transition fire ranges and battle drills. Honing the individuals, the platoons continued to mold their MP teams and squads in FTXs conducted singly and jointly with their sister TF platoons from the 554TH organic and platoons from the 230th MP CO from Kaiserslautern, GE.

As the month's training rolled on for the line platoons, the HQ sections where full steam in nailing down details for the upcoming Convoy LFX and TF FTX/Ranges planned for October, with several recon/coordination trips to GTA and Heuberg Training Area/Range complex.

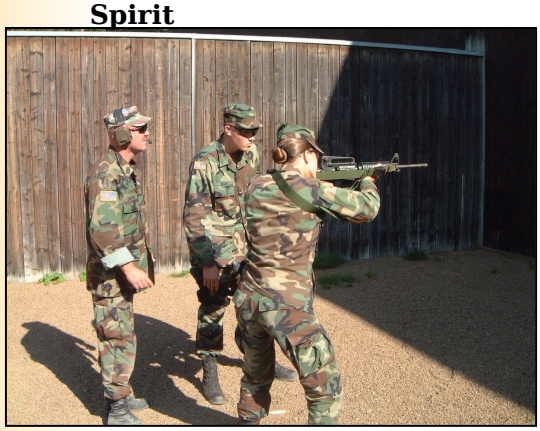
As if that weren't enough for the WARDAWGS, the company continued to support the Port LSA mission in Antwerp, Belgium and provide O/Cs to HTA.

Our MWD teams continued to support OIF and OEF with several MWD teams deployed. Our kennels in Grafenwoehr, Hohenfels and Stuttgart continue to p communities with d r PSDs, and H

Promoting The Nations Finest

Re-enlisting Indefinite, 'The Big One'

Bringing Out The Warrior Spirit



Transition Fire/ Dry Fire

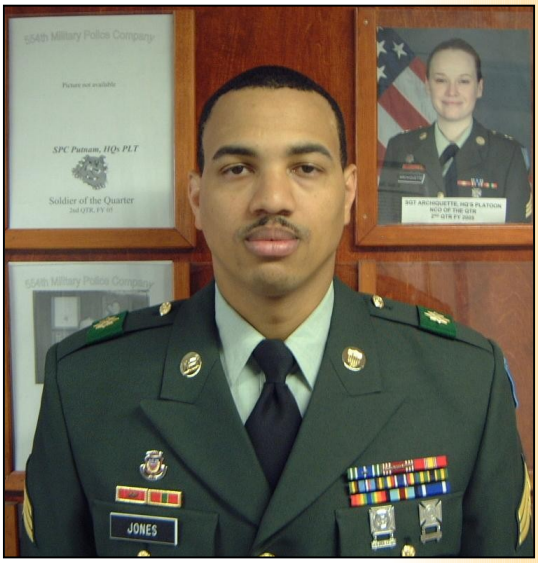
554TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

The EUCOM PSD continues to provide outstanding support to EUCOM Headquarters. They continue to do an outstanding job working security here in Stuttgart and all over the EUCOM AOR. And as proof that those who work hard/play hard, their Hawaiian shirt organizational day took advantage of probably the last day of Summer available.

1st QTR/ FY 06 WARDAWG Soldier and NCO of the Quarter competition is just around the corner and the Soldiers are boning up and polishing their teeth for a chance to prove they're the best. Every dog may have their day, but all the DAWGs here are vying to make sure they get the whole Quarter. Can CPL Boyman or SGT Jones pull off back to back wins? Find out next month in October's WARDAWG Wheels and Cuffs.

WARDAWGS continue to have fun and conduct realistic training and we are ready to do our duty when our nation calls on us.

WARDAWGS LEAD THE WAY!!!!



SGT JONES
HQ PLATOON

SPC BOYMAN
2ND PLATOON

NCO of the Quarter

Soldier of the Quarter

6966th TRANSPORTATION TRUCK TERMINAL

Awards Ceremonies were held in October 2005, the awards were presented by Mr. Winfried Wilhelm, Superintendent, 6966th Transportation Truck Terminal to honor the following persons:

Back row left:: Mr. Nikolaus Nasshan (30 Years of Service), Mr. Michael Gisdepski (20 Years of Service & 100.000 safe driven miles), Mr. Heinz Kreis (25 Years of Service), Mr. Rech, Uwe (10 Dienstjahre)

Front row left: Mr. Lothar Geiss (25 Years of Service), Mr. Norbert Dorschner, (25 Years of Service), Mr. Dieter Edinger (25 Years of Service), Mr. Roland Buchheit (25 Years of Service), Mr. Winfried Wilhelm, Superintendent, 6966th TTT.

From Left – Mr. Franz-Josef Tonn (Certificate of Achievement, Mr. Mirco Eisentraeger (Certificate of Achievement), Mr. Anton Subatsch (20Years LOS), Mr. Manfred Poehle (30 Years LOS), Mr. Roland Buchheit (Certificate of Achievement) and Mr. Winfried Wilhelm, Superintendent of 6966th TTT

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6966th Transportation Truck Terminal